

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by AAPR (Applicants' Admitted Prior Art eg, figure 22 etc., herein after AAPR).

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102 rejections with the following arguments.

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35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by AAPR (Applicants' Admitted Prior Art eg, figure 22 etc., herein after AAPR).

Applicants respectfully contend that AAPR does not anticipate claim 1, because AAPR does not teach each and every feature of claim 1. For example, AAPR does not teach "diffusing dopant from the lip above the substrate into the substrate through the top surface of the substrate, the diffusing dopant forming a surface strap in the substrate, the surface strap being below the lip and providing a connection between the capacitor and the transfer device".

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully maintain that AAPR does not anticipate claim 1, and that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-16 depend from claim 1, Applicants contend that claims 2-16 are likewise in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully contend that AAPR does not anticipate claim 17, because AAPR does not teach each and every feature of claim 17. For example, AAPR does not teach "diffusing dopants from said capacitor fill material through said top surface of said semiconductor substrate into said semiconductor substrate from said lip of capacitor fill material above said semiconductor substrate, the diffusing dopant forming a surface strap in the substrate, the surface strap being below the lip and providing a connection between the capacitor and the transfer device".

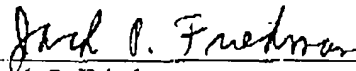
Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully maintain that AAPR does not

anticipate claim 17, and that claim 17 is in condition for allowance. Since claims 18-29 depend from claim 17, Applicants contend that claims 18-29 are likewise in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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